

# Typesetting XML with ConTeXt

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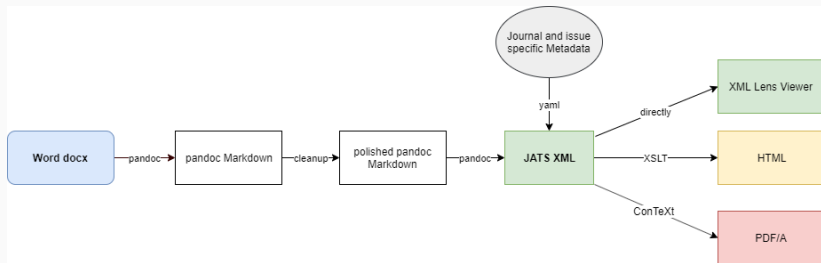
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# Starting position

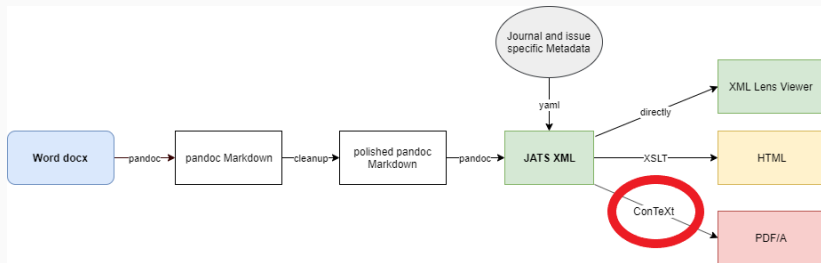
- Print journal “JUDAICA” => e-only OA journal on Bern University Publishing
- The Task:
  - Single source workflow for web view and typeset output (PDF, XML, HTML)
  - JATS XML input
  - PDF: high quality typography without manual typesetting
  - PDF/A
  - Open source
- Solutions:
  - Lens Viewer
  - XSLT for HTML
  - But how should we produce PDF from XML?

# Our Workflow



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# Our Workflow



- TeX, markup based plain-text typesetting system, by Donald Knuth, 1977–1986
- LaTeX: Macropackage for TeX, initially by Leslie Lamport, 1980s–today
- ConTeXt: Macropackage for TeX, by PRAGMA ADE, 1990–today

## Why a TeX-based solution?

- High quality typesetting (Knuth-Plass linebreaking algorithm, Microtypography)
- Customizable
- Multiplattform
- Open Source

- Consistent interface, predictable commands
- PDF/A out of the box
- Native XML processing

## How does it look like

```
1 \setupbodyfontenvironment[default][em=italic] % use italic as em, not slanted
2
3 \definefontfamily[mainface][rm][Linux Libertine 0]
4
5 \setupbodyfont[mainface,11pt]
6
7 \setuppapersize[A5][A5]
8
9 \setuppagenumbering[location={footer,center}]
10
11 \setupindenting[yes,medium,next]
12
13 \setuphead [section, subsection] [number=yes]
14 \setuphead [section] [style=\bf]
15 \setuphead [subsection] [style=\em]
16
17 \starttext
18
19 \section{Introduction}
20 Lorem ipsum {\em dolor sit amet}, consetetur sadipscing elitr,
21 sed diam nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore magna aliquyam erat,
22 sed diam voluptua.\footnote{This is a footnote.}
23
24 \subsection{Methods}
25 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consetetur sadipscing elitr,
26 sed diam nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore magna aliquyam erat,
27 sed diam voluptua.
28
29 \stoptext
```



## ConTeXt XML processing (0): What do we need?

- XML input
- ConText style setups
- Mappings from XML elements to ConTeXt

# ConTeXt XML processing (1): A minimal JATS XML article

```
4 <article xmlns:mml="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML" xmlns:xlink="http://www
5 <front>
30 <body>
31 <sec id="introduction">
32 <title>Introduction</title>
33 <p>Lorem ipsum <italic>dolor sit amet</italic>, consetetur sadipscing
34 elit, sed diam nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore
35 magna aliquyam erat, sed diam
36 voluptua.<xref ref-type="fn" rid="fn1">1</xref></p>
37 <list list-type="bullet">
38 <list-item>
39 <p>A list item</p>
40 </list-item>
41 <list-item>
42 <p>Another list item</p>
43 </list-item>
44 </list>
45 <p>Lorem ipsum <italic>dolor sit amet</italic>, consetetur sadipscing
46 elit, sed diam nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore
47 magna aliquyam erat, sed diam
48 voluptua.<xref ref-type="fn" rid="fn2">2</xref></p>
49 <disp-quote>
50 <p>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consetetur sadipscing elit, sed diam
51 nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore magna aliquyam
52 erat, sed diam voluptua.</p>
53 </disp-quote>
54 <p>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consetetur sadipscing elit, sed diam
55 nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore magna aliquyam erat,
56 sed diam voluptua.<xref ref-type="fn" rid="fn3">3</xref></p>
57 </sec>
58 <sec id="conclusions">
59 <title>Conclusions</title>
60 <p>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consetetur sadipscing elit, sed diam
61 nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore magna aliquyam erat,
62 sed diam voluptua.</p>
63 </sec>
64 </body>
65 <back>
78 </article>
```

```
\startxmlsetups xml:jatssetups
  % Discard everything
  \xmlsetsetup{#1}{*}{-}
  % Select main nodes
  \xmlsetsetup{#1}{article|front|body|back}{xml:*}
  % Formatting
  \xmlsetsetup{#1}{bold|italic}{xml:*}
\stopxmlsetups
\xmlregistersetup{xml:jatssetups}
```

```
\startxmlsetups xml:body  
  \directsetup{document:start}  
  \xmlflush{#1}  
\stopxmlsetups
```

```
\startxmlsetups xml:p
  \begingroup
    % Get language attribute if available
    \xmlfilter{#1}{.[@xml:lang]/command(xml:language)}
    % Flush content
    \xmlflush{#1}
  \endgroup
  % end paragraph
  \par
\stopxmlsetups
```

```
\startxmlsetups xml:italic  
  {\em \xmlflush{#1}}  
\stopxmlsetups
```

```
\startxmlsetups xml:bold  
  {\bf \xmlflush{#1}}  
\stopxmlsetups
```

## A very important article

*John Doe*

### 1 Introduction

Lorem ipsum *dolor sit amet*, consetetur sadipscing elitr, sed diam nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore magna aliquyam erat, sed diam voluptua.<sup>1</sup>

- A list item
- Another list item

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### 2 Conclusions

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<sup>1</sup> Footnote text.

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<sup>3</sup> Another footnote.

## So? Should I use this?

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- It works
- It meets our requirements

But:

- Yet another tool in the toolchain
- You need someone that is familiar with it



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